

October Job Postings 2019-2020 Comparison



November 2020

Job Demand during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented changes in the job market. Unemployment rates spiked to record highs as businesses shut down to prevent the spread of the virus.

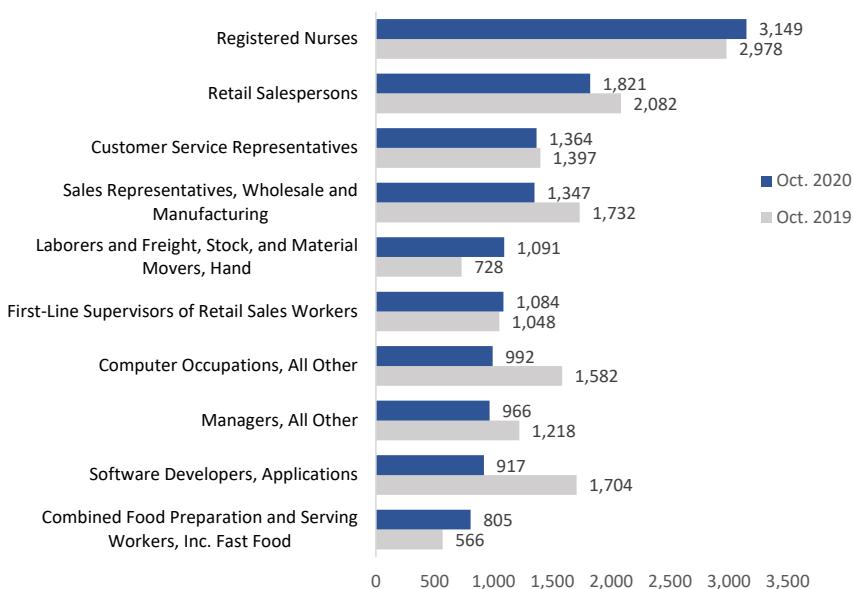
However, even during the economic uncertainty, some employers posted job ads. As workforce needs change across the state, it is important to know which occupations and industries are in demand to help displaced workers find new career paths.

In October 2020, there were a total of 51,965 online job postings, compared to 54,860 in October 2019, representing a 6 percent decrease. Job postings have decreased while the number of unemployed Missourians has increased. In October 2020, there were 2.5 unemployed Missourians for every job posting. In October 2019, there were 1.6 unemployed Missourians for every posting.

Top Occupations

The chart below shows the occupations with the most job postings in October 2020, compared to the number of job postings in October 2019. Continuing the trend from August and September, job ads for *Laborers and Material Movers* and *Truck Drivers* increased over the year as demand for essential consumer goods grew. Postings for *Laborers and Material Movers* increased 33 percent from October 2019 to October 2020. The two information technology occupations, *Software Developers, Applications* and *Computer Occupations, All Other*, showed the largest decreases with postings decreasing by more than half.

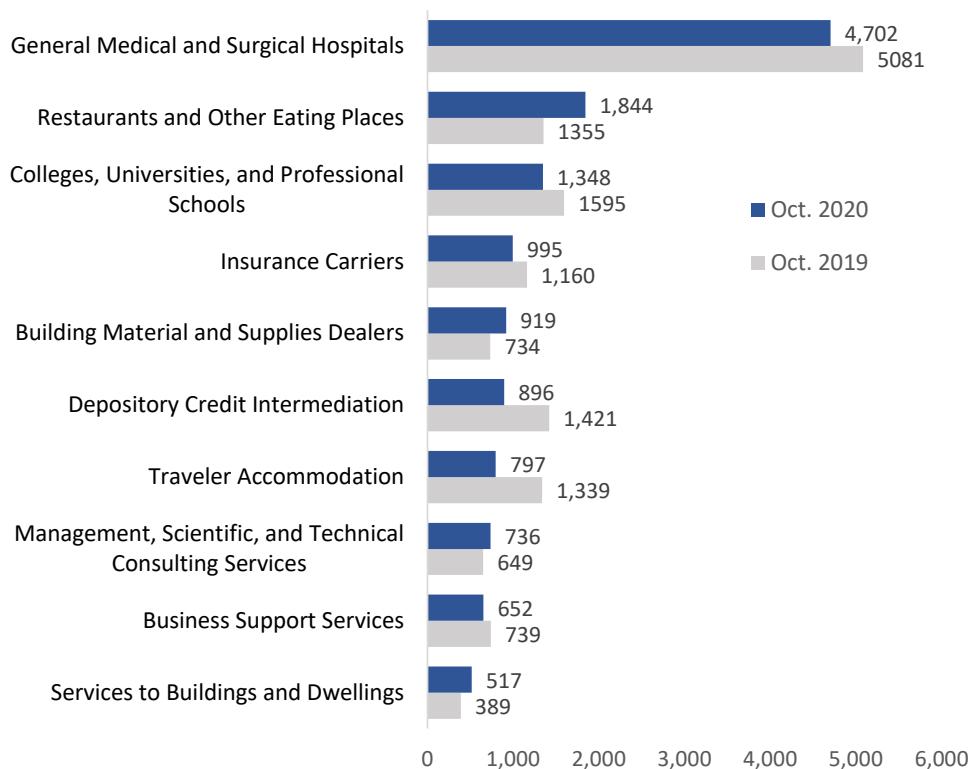
Occupations with the Most Online Job Postings



Top Industries

The chart below shows the industries with the most job postings in October 2020, compared to October 2019. *Restaurants and Other Eating Places* (27%) showed the largest over the year increase, followed by *Services to Buildings and Dwellings* (25%). *Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services* and *Traveler Accommodations* showed the largest decreases, with postings decreasing by more than half.

Industries with the Most Online Job Postings



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